

# U. S. COAST GUARD SOON TO BE ABSORBED BY NAVY DEPARTMENT

## 'LITTLE NAVY' LOSES FIGHT TO KEEP ENTITY

Life-Saving Section Eventually to Become Part of Commerce Dept. Lighthouse Service.

Our original navy, the United States coast guard, after 131 years of existence, is about to give up the fight to prevent digestion by our big navy. The table is all set for the absorption of the little morsel, and the signal from the President. This consolidation of a small branch with a larger similar department is to be the prologue to the administrative drama of mergers and transfers in the executive activities.

The coast guard has the center of the stage in the prologue because Secretary Mellon has cast it as "the child of the Treasury Department." Then the forceful C. G. Daves, director of the budget, simply couldn't figure a budget to cover a branch cut from its old moorings, and he asked the President for the answer. Chairman Brown, of the legislative reorganization committee, fixed his binoculars on it and told his conferees here was a good start, as he figured it would be easy to float the "derelict" down and tie it up securely at Secretary Denby's permanent station.

Blocked Ten Days Ago. Everything was set to shove off to the rescue ten days ago under executive order, when the news leaked and a halt was called on the expedition. The Life-Saving Service, with its 273 stations dotting the coasts and the Great Lakes, having representation in nearly as many Congressional districts, started the opposition machinery, and the President has been hearing from the home folks to the effect that "this great service must not die," "the Coast Guard with its Life-Saving Service must suffer degradation by the navy," and things like that.

The President is patient and courteous and he is listening to all in a respectful attitude, but that is all for when he has bowed out the last of the opposition, the date will be inserted and he will sign the executive order, declaring that in the interests of economy and efficiency the United States Coast Guard will hereafter be operated under the Navy Department. He has that authority in law and he does not intend to delegate it, or wait until the date when the reorganization committee gets into position to act. Eventually the Life-Saving Service will be transferred from the Navy to the Department of Commerce for the purpose of forming the Life-Saving Service, both being on a civilian status.

Fought as Navy Unit. The Coast Guard, since it was established in 1790, six years prior to the organization of the regular navy, from its start as the Revenue Cutter Service, has been on a military status, and it has fought in every war except the war with Tripoli as a part of the navy. Its officers and men have similar rank and pay as the navy, of which it automatically became a part in time of emergency. Conventions that its duties could better be performed under the navy are not recent, for from 1790 to the present, fifteen wars have been fought in which the coast guard has fought as a part of the navy, to amalgamate it with the navy.

It has not only been a busy little fighting force against our enemies, but for itself, successfully turning the scales against merger schemes. But in 1920, when recommendations to Congress were made by the shipping interests of all coast and the Great Lakes for the greatest protection the Government could give, it was evident that arguments for the continued life of the "little navy" were weakening. The ship owners were frank. They said that a good portion of the new merchant fleet, built hastily during the emergency under Government expense, was being built on the traditional efficiency of American-built shipping. An unusually large proportion of tonnage under the American flag, they declared, is deficient either in construction or in equipment. Such being the fact, the ship owners merely asked the Government was willing to take the responsibility with the meager life-saving resources of the coast guard.

Congress Indifferent. Congress didn't act, but it became indifferent to maintenance of coast guard independence, and the reorganization committee months ago allowed it to become known that one of its conventions was to place the "little navy" place was under the wing of the big navy. There it will be welcomed for officers and men of its old revenue-cutter activities in the world war, as in all wars, showed they were of the navy and followed navy tradition. And under the navy it will have wider scope and greater equipment for carrying out regular and systematic assistance to the mercantile marine on all coast and inland waters, for the Arctic patrols, and for alleviating distress as it did in Alaska in fighting the ravages of influenza which practically wiped out the population of the entire region. In the world war the coast guard was really at the jump-off, and on April 6, 1917, the day war on Germany was declared, its ships seized five enemy vessels at New Orleans, one at New London, Conn., and another at San Juan, Porto Rico. Six cruising cutters were dispatched to overseas duty with the navy, the Albatross, Manning, Osprey, Seneca, Tampa, and Yamacraw. Based on Gibraltar, these ships were engaged in escort of convoys through submarine-infested waters and made remarkable records. On the night of September 26, 1918, the Tampa was destroyed by an enemy submarine. In British channel, England, with the loss of 111 officers and men. This was the heaviest single loss suffered by our naval forces during the war.

The coast guard has approximately 250 officers and 3,000 enlisted men, and equipment of twenty cruising cutters, four new vessels being under construction at Oakland, Cal.

## Society Gossiping On Webb Girls' Romances

Edith's Marriage to a Chicago Groom Is Her Affair, Says Papa Webb, Friend of J. P. Morgan—Bride Sings Washing Dishes, While Husband Shoots Rats in Employer's Barn.

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—The eyes of society are centered just now on the piquant figure of Miss Alice Beaver Webb, last of the three beautiful daughters of J. Pierpont Morgan's intimate friend. With Louise wedded to Mounted Policeman Thomas J. Leonard, in New York, and Edith Beaver Webb now the bride of George

when her husband conducted a riding school in Philadelphia and New York. The young couple plan to stay at the Behr estate in their cottage all winter. Mr. Behr has one of the finest strings of horses in the Middle West, and fellow servants said that George Miles worked for him on that account more than any other.

If the Beaver Webb family is susceptible to any common influence it



Miles, the Chicago hostler, Alice will disappear if she does not marry—well, say a jockey!

But Alice herself is still fancy free and apparently unconcerned over the speculations of the social seers regarding her future. So far as one may guess from her demeanor, she is quite proud of her new brother-in-law and annoyed only because the public appear to misunderstand the romance.

It really isn't any business of anyone, insists Miss Alice, what sort of persons her sisters have married since the aforesaid sisters are themselves quite pleased and father does not object. And J. Beaver Webb is evidently quite satisfied, if not enthusiastic, over it all.

Edith's Romance. The informal announcement of the marriage of Edith Webb to George Miles caused a splash in society that rippled to the most isolated and exclusive areas. The event was in the nature of an elopement, for the ceremony took place on June 14 in Chicago, after an obliging official of the Marriage License Bureau had numbered the application with a "half penny" which permitted its concealment from the public, though these documents are supposed to be public records.

The happy husband, who was a groom in a wedding, was discovered with Mrs. Edith Webb Miles on the estate of Benjamin Behr at Lake Forest, across the road from the manor of J. Ogden Armour. Mr. Miles was engaged in the prosaic task of shooting rats in the barn while the pretty bride—and pretty does not do her justice—was putting a high polish on the dinner dishes in the kitchen.

Brown silk stockings encased her slim ankles, brown shoes of approximately No. 1 triple A size, concealed her feet, a brown skirt draped her little figure. Above that a silk shirtwaist with a broad lace collar, gathered by a diamond pin in the form of a riding crop and over all a blue gingham bungalow apron.

Sings Washing Dishes. Singing as she deftly worked on the dishes, the young bride suggested a scene from a musical comedy—a sort of poverty de luxe idea, conventionally wrought out. And this is the conversation that followed a visit of a Hearst newspaper man to her little cottage:

"Are you Mrs. Miles?"  
"You bet!"  
"Where's Mr. Miles?"  
"Out in the barn shooting rats."  
"Are you the former Miss Edith Beaver Webb?"  
"The former Miss Edith Beaver Webb."

"Congratulations." "Congratulations yourself. You ought to. We've kept it a secret since June 14, the day we were married."

"Was that when you took second prize at the South Shore Country Club Horse Show?"  
"Four days later."

"Well, you must have some beautiful ideas of the theory of marriage."

"If I have I'll keep them!"  
"But your husband?"  
"He's not here."

Husband Shooting Rats. The laconic dialogue was interrupted by a series of reports from the husband's revolver, which did not in the least disturb the bride's swiftness moving hands as they burnished plates and cups and saucers. She merely remarked:

"Mr. Miles must have luck today. He is handy with a gun—but he is afraid of reporters. He warned me against them—photographers especially."

George Miles should be handy with a gun. He learned the art of marksmanship in the trenches overseas.

## SISTERS WON BY HORSEMEN

Both Louise and Edith are expert equestriennes and their enthusiasm for horses is considered by the knowing ones in society as the real basis for their romantic weddings to two men who, like themselves are good judges of steeds and experts with the reins.

Louise Webb

Edith Beaver Webb



## Other Heiresses' Romances That Ended Unhappily

THE marriage of the two daughters of J. Beaver Webb, the financier, to horsemen, recalls similar alliances of other years that have become historic in metropolitan society.

MRS. JAMES BURKE-ROCHE was married to Aurel Batonyi, a groom, and after years of violent unhappiness, with charges and counter-charges of gravest nature, they were divorced.

JULIA FRENCH was wed to Jack Gerahy, son of a Newport cabman. The romance ended in divorce and both have remarried.

GUILIO MOROSINI was married to a policeman decades ago and had to fight her way to freedom through the courts.

EDITH GOULD'S elopement with Carroll Wainwright, Alice Drexel's unfortunate marriage, and the Mrs. "Silent Smith-St. Cyr romance are among others still unforgotten.

## CARROLL COUNCIL, K. OF C. ELECTS OFFICERS TUESDAY

Christopher J. Murphy, grand knight of Carroll Council, Knights of Columbus, has called a meeting of the council for Tuesday evening in the Columbus Hall, 605 E. street northwest, to elect officers. Resolutions from the building company of the order will be read and acted upon.

State Deputy Maurice J. McAuliffe, of this city, who has just returned from the San Francisco international convention, will make a report to the members, covering the convention.

## AIRPLANE FLIES THREE MILES WITHOUT MOTOR

BERLIN, Sept. 3.—Herr Klemperer, a German inventor, today flew three miles in an airplane without a motor. The airman made a jumping start from the top of a water tower.

## U. S. and Siam Sign Treaty.

A treaty of commerce and navigation between the United States and Siam, which was signed here December 16 last, was ratified at Bangkok on September 1, the State Department was advised today.

## Rail Loan Authorized.

The Interstate Commerce Commission today authorized the East St. Louis Junction Railroad Company to issue at par demand notes for not exceeding \$20,000, payable to the St. Louis National Stockyards and bearing 7 per cent interest.

## MD. ROAD BUILDERS SEE UNEMPLOYMENT

Only Passage of Federal Aid Bill Will Prevent Hundreds of Dismissals.

Unless the Federal aid bill, providing for \$75,000,000 to build roads throughout the United States passes soon, hundreds of Maryland workmen will find themselves without jobs, according to John R. Riggles, president of the Good Roads League, of Prince Georges county, Md.

Maryland road building is practically completed and workmen will soon be laid off. J. N. Mackall, chairman of the Maryland State Roads Commission, stated that no additional work can be started until the Federal bill passes.

It is expected the Federal aid bill will be discussed at the unemployment conference to be held in Washington next month by the Department of Labor.

## ACCUSED OF ASSAULT ON GIRL IN ALABAMA

PETERSBURG, Va., Sept. 3.—W. J. Robinson, twenty-four years old, who has been living with his wife and baby at Disputanta, was arrested in his home by Sheriff W. E. Boisseau and Deputy Sheriff Harvey Johnson for an alleged serious crime at his former home in Calhoun county, Ala.

Robinson is accused of having attacked a fifteen-year-old white girl in Alabama. He is also charged with forgery. He was brought to Petersburg and lodged in jail to await the arrival of an officer from Alabama. He denies both charges, but admits knowing the girl he is alleged to have attacked.

The accused young man moved to Disputanta about five months ago, and accepted a position with the Spargo Lumber Company.

## HOLD TWO IN KILLING OF RICHMOND OFFICER

RICHMOND, Va., Sept. 3.—Additional evidence is being sought by the police in the case involving the killing of Policeman Washington Irving Curtis, at Fifth and Stockton streets, south Richmond.

Eugene E. Michaels, twenty-eight years old, charged with being suspected of being "an accessory before and after the fact" in the killing, has been released on \$4,000 bond. Walter Hines, the young man charged with the murder of the policeman, is being held without bail. He protests his innocence.

## 75 I. W. W. ROUTED; KEPT FROM MOBBING JAIL

LANGDON, N. D., Sept. 3.—Seventy-five I. W. W., who were arrested on their arrival here from Larimore, were sent out of town yesterday afternoon. As the remnant of a band of several hundred which assembled at Larimore to force the release of five I. W. W. in jail here, the seventy-five were surrounded by a large posse of citizens when they arrived at Langdon and were marched to jail.

## Wedded 70 Years, She Says Modern Girls Are Jades But Aged Mrs. Packard Answers By Declaring They Are All Right.

LYNN, Mass., Sept. 3.—"The girls of today are brass jades," declared Mrs. Hannah Stone Preble, of Marblehead, who has just observed with her husband, Samuel S. Preble, the seventieth anniversary of their marriage.

"I do not agree with the woman of today that short skirts, bobbed hair and high-heeled shoes are conducive to good health. Low heels for shoes, long skirts, and regular hours are the best rules for health which I can give."

Mrs. Preble was asked about the assertion of Mrs. Arlette Packard, of Brockton, eighty-four years old, that short skirts, peek-a-boo waists and bobbed hair are not sending young girls to perdition.

"Short skirts are something which should never be worn," quickly answered Mrs. Preble. "I never wore a short skirt; perhaps if I had I would not be as healthy as I am today. No, I don't agree with Mrs. Packard. Mrs. Packard said she considered short skirts and bobbed hair perfectly proper. 'Give me the short skirts,' she said. 'I much prefer them to the dresses we used to clean the streets with, or the bustles and hoopskirts.'"

## HYATTSVILLE SCHOOL BOND BIDS TO BE OPENED

UPPER MARLBORO, Sept. 3.—Bids for the purchase of \$50,000 bonds for the construction of a new elementary school in Hyattsville will be opened Tuesday by the county commissioners. Bids for \$47,000 received recently were rejected as too low. The building will cost \$52,500 and the grounds about \$5,000.

Bids are also being asked on bonds for the construction of a 115,000 three-room brick school at Suitland and for a \$8,000 two-room brick school at Ardmore.

## KILLED WIFE WHO GAVE HIM ONLY \$1 PER WEEK

GRANITE CITY, Ill., Sept. 3.—Arthur Dorman confessed to Police Chief Clark that the body of the woman found murdered and buried in a crude grave in a wheat field near here June 16 last was that of his wife, Nora, and that he had murdered her.

He said she had been "extravagant" with his meager salary, "had gone out with other men," and had allowed him and his son, John, only \$1 a week apiece spending money.

## HELD OUT HIS HAT AS SIGNAL; DRIVER GRABS IT

ADAIR, La., Sept. 3.—Pat Henley is the owner of a new automobile. He took it out for an early morning spin and while bowling along a side road the gasoline gave out. He walked back to the main traveled road to hail a passing car.

He saw one approaching and held out his new \$15 Panama hat as a signal for the car to stop. Instead it drew up alongside Pat, a hand reached out and grabbed the hat and the car sped on.

## NEBRASKAN COW GIVES BIRTH TO FOUR CALVES

GOTHENBURG, Neb., Sept. 3.—A cow belonging to Mr. and Mrs. George Fotherbaugh is believed to have broken all records when she gave birth to four female calves. The prolific mother has had five calves in eleven months.

The calves are marked alike and each weighs thirty-two pounds. Fotherbaugh says if the calves live, it is possible that he will hire the cow and her offspring to a big circus for a couple of seasons.

## Landlady Seizes Two Babies for Unpaid Board

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Sept. 3.

A LANDLADY who seized and held for two weeks two small babies to compel payment of a board bill was forced to surrender her unusual collateral when the case was brought to the attention of the police.

Boarders at the home of the woman were unable to pay their bill when they left. Instead of grabbing the family wash or the usual much-fought-over luggage, the two babies were seized.

After two weeks, in which she vainly attempted to recover her two babies, the frantic mother finally appealed to police.

## PATRONS OF W. R. E. FLAY ONE-MAN CARS

Reckless Driving by Motormen and Inconvenient Arrangements Denounced.

Much complaint is being made by passengers on the extensive use of the one-man car the Washington Railway and Electric Company is operating of late on all its lines.

Passengers complain that the new one-man car is of high speed and is very recklessly driven by the motorman. The danger is all the greater because of the fact that the conductor and motorman are all in one.

Complaint is also made about the inconvenience of this one-man arrangement, passengers saying they frequently have to stand for blocks to get their change when paying their fares. One man stood two blocks. This is caused by the fact that the motorman, acting as conductor, too, closes the door before collecting the fares and then starts the car. The danger of trying to run the car and collect fares at the same time has been pointed out by the passengers.

"It's just a device to save the car company from paying two men to operate the car by hiring only one," said one passenger.

Company officials maintain that the one-man car has been put into use because they consider it the safest. The motorman in acting as conductor is able to watch all operations of the car and eliminate the lack of coordination between conductor and motorman in discharging passengers as sometimes occurs on the regular cars.

## ICEMAN GETS NEW SON AND PATRONS FREE ICE

WAUKEGAN, Ill., Sept. 3.—Patrons of Joseph Millmore, ice man, are hoping he will raise a Rooseveltian family.

When a ten-pound son arrived at his home he made each patron a gift of 100 pounds of ice.

## 10 MEMBERS OF FAMILY WEIGH 2,218 POUNDS

BELLEFOUNTE, Pa., Sept. 3.—Center county may have that famous straw hat that broke the camel's back. Philip Straw and his nine children are claiming the heavyweight family championship of the State.

The ten of them weigh 2,218 pounds. The biggest Straw scales at 250. The bantam of the family busts the beam at 150.

## SUITOR, 38, KILLS GIRL, 13, WHO REFUSES TO WED

BEDFORD, Ohio, Sept. 3.—Minnie Lakatos, thirteen, was shot through the heart and instantly killed by Mike Pinter, thirty-eight, who then shot and killed himself.

The tragedy is said to have resulted from the refusal of the girl to marry Pinter because of her age. Pinter was a boarder at the Lakatos' home.

## Wild Street Car Kills Man.

ST. CATERINES, Ontario, Sept. 3.—The first truck of a street car company with the front truck and hit a switch, jerking the front truck from the rails. The car forced from the track hit Jacob Ostfeld, standing on the sidewalk. He was killed.

## City Has Good Balance.

RICHMOND, Va., Sept. 3.—Richmond kept well within its income during the fiscal year just passed, and the first time in many years incurred no floating or unfunded debt, having on hand in the treasury a balance of \$214,613.19 to start the current year.

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